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## **SUPER TUESDAY PRIMARY FOR AMERICANS IN HOLLAND**

On Tuesday February 5, American Democrats living in The Netherlands can vote for the first time online in the Super Tuesday Global Presidential Primary. The worldwide primary for expatriates will send 22 delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Denver in August.

Organized by Democrats Abroad Netherlands (DANL), the Dutch electronic voting booth will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. on February 5 at De Balie near the Leidseplein in Amsterdam. Members of DANL can vote and non-members can join, register and cast their votes. A second voting booth will be open from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday 9 February at The ABC Treehut, Lange Poten 23 in The Hague.

Guest speakers at De Balie include Marjorie Ames (US Consul General), Ruth Oldenziel (prof., UvA), Willem Post (historian), Paul Scheffer (prof., UvA) and Russell Shorto (dir. John Adams Institute). Greg Shapiro (stand-up comedian, Boom Chicago) will contribute political satire and there will be live music by Michael Moore. There is a bookshop and the Balie Café will be open for drinks and snacks. Entrance is free.

In order to vote online, non-members must join DANL by 31 January at [www.democratsabroad.nl](http://www.democratsabroad.nl). Membership is free.

Four states hold their primaries in January and 22 on 5 February. The Super Tuesday Global Presidential Primary means that expatriate Democrats in 34 countries will not need to get a ballot from home. Voters who cannot come to De Balie or The ABC Treehut but who join DANL by the end of January will be sent a personal identification number to use when voting online. They will also be able to vote by mail or by fax. Online votes in the November election will be registered and monitored by Everyone Counts, a California company specializing in Internet elections since 2003.

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